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“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)
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Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Class.....9:00 a.m.
AM Worship...10:00 a.m.
PM Worship.... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Study.... 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday:

Ladies' Bible Class(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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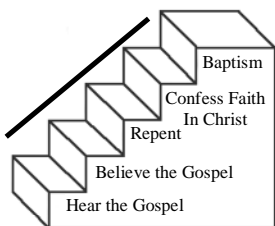
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THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear-Romans 10:17
Believe-John 8:24
Repent-Acts 17:30
Confess-Romans 10:10
Be Baptized-Acts 22:16
Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



Jesus Human and Divine

Don Hatch

The humanity of Jesus Christ is attested to by those who walked with Him during His earthly sojourn (Acts 1:1-10; 1 Cor 15:6). As witnesses their claim was to have seen God with man in the person of Jesus Christ of Nazareth (1 Jn 1:1-4; Matt 1:18-20). Both a physical and spiritual being with consciousness of the five senses of touch, taste, hearing, sight and smell, Jesus was truly human.

Jesus born of a virgin woman called Mary had a body with all the **systems** known to be human (Matt 1:18-20). He had an **ear and hearing system**- heard the Father say, “I have glorified thee and I will glorify thee”(Jn 12:23); **musculoskeletal system**- grew from child to man, walked and was weary (Lk 1:52; Jn 4:1-38); **digestive system**- feasted at wedding in Cana, ate with his disciples and made the last supper a memorial (Jn 2:1-11; 1 Cor 11:17-38); **cardiovascular system**-bled when beaten, scourged, crowned with thorns, nailed to the cross of Calvary (Jn 18 & 19); **respiratory system**- labored for breath on the cross, gave his last breath saying, “It is finished” (Jn 19:30); and **nervous system**- was in pain upon the cross. All his uniquely human systems proved He was man. Jesus felt joy, temptation, meekness and the entire range of human esthetical senses.

The medical term for Jesus’ sweat like blood is “hematidrosis or hematidrosis” and has been seen in patients who have experienced extreme stress or shock to their systems. The capillaries around the sweat pores become fragile and leak blood into the sweat. The skin is an organ (the largest on our body). The sweat gland is below the epidermis in the dermis (a dense inner layer of skin beneath the epidermis, comprised of connective tissue, blood and lymph vessels, sweat glands, hair follicles and an elaborate sensory nerve network). This fact proves Jesus was human with all the senses which caused this hematidrosis and the uniquely human body which could produce capillaries around the sweat pores and leak blood into the sweat. Jesus suffered physically during a

flogging. The Romans used a whip, which consisted of small pieces of bone and metal attached to a number of leather strands. Victims often died from the beating. Roman law did not put any limits on the number of blows given. During a flogging, the skin was stripped from the back, exposing a bloody mass of muscle and bone. Extreme blood loss occurred from these beatings, weakening the victim. Jesus was a man.

Man’s esthetical facility responds to the beauty in nature. Not eye only, but an inner soul that thrills to and demonstrates capacity for the beautiful. The evidence of design is seen in beauty and grandeur. Man has an innate taste for beauty and there is evidence of divine love of the beautiful. Beauty is an evidence of divine love. The repulsive only accentuates the beautiful and sublime.

Man has five senses and these are the only avenues through which intelligence concerning material things can reach us. Only through the senses can an idea arise. The mind forms ideas in accordance with the sensations impressed upon the brain. Thus, we derive our ideas of sensible subjects and we start to reason. Reasoning is human and places man above the animals.

Jesus fulfilled all prophecies of His coming, life, death and resurrection. Most people have their biographies written after death. The life and times of Jesus Christ of Nazareth was written hundreds of years prior to His birth. Over three hundred prophecies have been discovered in the prophetic writings concerning Jesus Christ. Such an amazing number is astonishing. From Genesis to Malachi the story of Jesus is recorded in minute details. The major factors of His life are predicted. Trivial things like His garment, which was seamless, was gambled for by those at the cross. His death, burial and resurrection were predicted as well. The fulfillment of biblical is powerful evidence that He was exactly who He was claimed to be in every facet. No one was like Jesus past or present. He was God with us.

Jesus of Nazareth without wealth or military might conquered the hearts and minds of millions. Neither man, nor groups of men, past or present, can boast of Jesus’ deeds in the fields of human endeavors. Without the assistance of science, higher education or philosophy He shed more light on things human and divine than all the great thinkers the world has ever known. Never did man so live and speak. Jesus human and divine!

FAMILY CARE
A Message from Our Shepherds

We were blessed to have a great Speaker in our Gospel Meeting just over two weeks ago. Bro. Jeff Jenkins preached the word as is written in the Bible. These sermons are available on DVD disks. Get a copy and listen to them. The work at Beltline continues to be very effective. Several preaching students are graduating. Mission printing Materials are being shipped. Praise God for blessing us with success and spiritual Blessings. Listed in this article are Biblical Doctrine we need to keep on our minds. Jesus said my Doctrine is not mine, but he who sent me (John 6:16).

The Lord said the gate is small, the way is narrow, and there are few people who will find it (Matt. 7:14). Now, for us to get there we must enter by the narrow door, which means we must live as Jesus gave us the example to live, in order to obtain eternal life. Anyone who climbs up some other way is like a thief and a robber (John 10:1). Jesus plainly tells us that He is the door (John 10:9).

In the Scriptures (God's Word) there is only one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all (Eph. 4:4-6). From what we have just referenced we can see there is only one way to the Father and his Kingdom and thus to receive eternal life (John 14:6). We must remember, it is impossible for God to lie and no lie is of the truth (Heb. 6:18; 1 John 2:21).

We are going to be judged by the words in the Bible and by their works (Rev. 20:12). If we live a life of righteousness and good works our names will be recorded in the book of life. And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophesy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the Holy City, and from the things which are written in the book. (Rev. 22:19)

Sometimes we depart this life very quickly, and sometimes we have the opportunity to lend support and offer many prayers. God's will is first and final. We must live our lives as the early Christians did in the first century according to the scriptures. We must make preparation for the wonderful life to come.

Obedying and living as the scriptures teach and command us. (Read 2 Pet. 3:8-18)

If we are not gathered with saints when we are physically able we ought to re-think our position. The whole congregation is not complete without everyone present that can be. Hope to see you soon gathered with saints that miss you very much!

Continue to pray for our sick & shut-ins, and have a great week serving God!

Dean Webb

The Kingdom- Don Hatch

There are **several items which are required for a Kingdom**. They are a king, authority, territory, law and subjects. The kingdom of Christ was established on these premises and they are currently in place. It would be false to teach of a future kingdom to come.

A King

The Bible teaches that Jesus is king over his kingdom (1 Corinthians 15:23-26), into which we are translated upon our conversion (Colossians 1:12-16). Christ is described as King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelations 17:14; 19:16).

Place of Authority

Acts 2:30-37 says "... he would raise up Christ to sit on his **throne**; He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, the Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand [emphasis DH], until I make thy foes thy footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Territory

The area of Jesus' territory is without boundaries. The scriptures say, "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth..." (Matthew 28:18-20). The affairs of the earth are under the Lord's control (Hebrews 1:1-5; 1 Corinthians 10:26).

Law

A kingdom must have some means for order and regulation. The law is the Law of Christ (Galatians 6:2) coupled with the law of the Spirit (Romans 8:1-5) and the perfect law, the law of liberty (James 1:19-27). These laws are set forth in the word of God which will ultimately be used in our judgment (John 12:48, 49). The apostle Paul clearly states that we are under the law of Christ (1 Corinthians 9:21). This New Testament law remains unaltered and is not dated by time or circumstances of any society.

Subjects

Those who are in the kingdom are the subjects of Christ (1 Peter 3:22). Jew and Gentile, male and female, bond or free are able to be Christ's servants and demonstrate this relationship by obedient faith (Romans 1:1-5; 16:26; 1 Corinthians 9:1-27). Each member is an independent servant and yet dependent on all others (Ephesians 3:1-13). All become fellow-citizens in the kingdom (Ephesians 2:19) and are therefore, conjoined to the foundation by virtue of being a part of the church (Acts 2:47; Ephesians 2:11-21; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31).

VCR's of Value

Over the years a series of lessons has been upgraded from film strips to Videos. This is "The Visualized Bible Study" by Brother Jule Miller [deceased], Gospel Services Inc. Houston, Texas. This series has **five, 45 minute** videos that start with Genesis and carry the student through the Bible. One video (#3) has a great lesson, on the kingdom and what it takes for it to exist. If you would like to have another means of teaching your friends the "whole counsel" of God this is an excellent series. We have five sets of videos in the office. You can check them out anytime and use them as a beneficial way of teaching others or yourself. The Bible is accurately and clearly taught and young or old will want to proceed from one section to the next. Because many may want to use these for teaching their friends we ask that you keep one only over night and return it the next day so that others will have an opportunity to show them to their friends.

As we have opportunities renew old acquaintances and build new ones. Give your hand as a trusted friend to someone in need of salvation. Let us enlarge the borders of the Kingdom.

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

Call in your information to the office at:
972-790-8606 by Sunday evening

ASSIGNMENTS FOR November

GREETERS:

November 13 – Front Foyer – Donna Davis & Nancy Pond
Back Foyer – Glen Kelly & Myrtle Wade

November 20 – Front Foyer – Henry Seidmeyer & Doris Selby
Back Foyer – Robert & Cathy Taylor

Communion Preparation: Jerry Grantham

Contribution Counters: Bobby England & Mike Garrison

SERMONS

November 13 – a.m. “Be Subject Unto God”
James 4:1-10
p.m. “War Against The Soul”
1 Peter 2:11-12

**HAVE YOU INVITED
SOMEONE TO WORSHIP
THIS WEEK?**

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don & Margaret Lewis, Frances Tipton, Deidra Sutton, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Glen Kelly, Mike Garrison, Lauren Roses, Nellie Melvin, Alice Worthy, Carol Swinney

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

Nursing Homes: **Elsie Nanny** – Avante **Frances Tipton** – Arlington Rehab
Max Melton – Northgate Plaza

Military: Chris & Abigail Mathews

EVENTS

MISSION PRINTING – Mission Printing will meet every **SUNDAY** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate and staple tracts to be sent all over the world. Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS – Will meet on Tuesday, November 8th at 10 a.m. in the Annex. The Topic will be “**Jesus: His Baptism And Temptations**”.

Ladies – please invite your friends and neighbors to attend each Tuesday morning with you.

39'ers -- DATE CHANGE

For this month only, 39'ers will meet on Monday, **Nov. 14th** for our Thanksgiving get-together. Turkey and ham will be provided. Please bring food to go with the meats. Come enjoy the wonderful fellowship.

Wednesday night **November 23rd** we will meet in the auditorium for a devotional due to the holidays.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Terry Penn (elder at Christ Church) has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and has requested our prayers.
Marilyn McGuire, sister-in-law of **Linda Matthews** cancer has returned. Please remember this family in your prayers.
Lauren Roses was in the hospital last week and is now home. Please keep her in your prayers as she is having a very difficult time.
Nelda Bell Newton has several family members that are having health issues and need our prayers.

Upcoming Procedures:

Alice Worthy will be having surgery this morning. She has requested no visitors.

Mary Curtis will have left hip replacement surgery on Nov. 15th. She will be at Baylor Surgical Hospital in Las Colinas.

Crystal Morris will have knee surgery on Friday November 11th.

Thank you to everyone for the calls, cards and prayers when I had cataract eye surgery. **Don Hatch**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/14/16 – 39'ers – 6:30 p.m. Annex

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Julie Roses – 11/5
 Patsy Swain – 11/6
 Bill Matthews – 11/8
 Josie Jones – 11/8
 Doris Selby – 11/13
 Gary Workman – 11/14
 Nancy Pond – 11/15
 Nathan Allen – 11/17
 Katherine Davis – 11/17
 Bobby King – 11/19

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Vicki Catlin – 11/9
 Mike & Elizabeth Garrison – 11/12
 Don & Margaret Lewis – 11/23
 Ken & Carol Lee – 11/25

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:
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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

<u>LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)</u>		11/13/16	<u>SUNDAY PRAYERS</u>
<u>Front Table</u>	<u>Rear Table</u>		A.M. – Dean Webb Bill Matthews Darrell Allen
Don Herriage	Kenny Mayer		P.M. – Dale Cox Ken Lee
Alex Mayer	Bobby England		
Richard Renfro	Vern Lundquist		
Walt LaHaye	Nathan Allen		
Curtis Vaughan			
Dorris Walker			
<u>LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)</u>			<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>
Thomas Rathbun			A.M. – Nathan Allen James 4:1-10
Nathan Allen			P.M. – Don Herriage 1 Peter 2:11-12
<u>SONG LEADERS</u>			<u>COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS</u>
A.M. – Jerry McKey			Darrell Allen
P.M. – Nathan Allen			

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	52	57	62	100
A.M. Worship	90	92	100	150
P.M. Worship	68	64	72	80
Wed. Class	76	53	60	85
Contribution	\$4067	\$7741	\$5396	\$5170

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

Glen Tattersall – Australia
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
 Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
 Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions
 Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
 Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
 Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

OTHERS SUPPORTED

Paper Pulpit – Hurst, Texas
 The Truth In Love – Hurst, Texas
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
 Christ's Haven Children's Home – Keller, Texas
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, Texas
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, Texas
 Carlos Tario, Dolcey Patino, Roberto Ortiz, Brayden Shelley
 Southwest School of Preaching – Austin, Texas – Mike Batot

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